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SUBJ: NARCOTICS VIOLATION ARRESTS OF US. CITIZENS

AT MEXICO CITY AIRPORT

1. IN THE PAST TWO YEARS, NINETY-NINE US. CITIZENS HAVE BEEN ARRESTED AT THE MEXICO CITY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT ON CHARGES OF ILLEGAL IMPORTATION OF COCAINE. ALL WERE ENROUTE TO THE UNITED STATES - PRINCIPALLY FROM COLOMBIA, PERU, BOLIVIA ALTHOUGH OTHER SOUTH & CENTRAL AMERICAN COUNTRIES WERE INVOLVED.

2. ARRESTS CONTINUED AT A FAIRLY HIGH LEVEL THROUGH JUNE OF 1974 AFTER WHICH THEY LEVELED OF AND NOW PRACTICALLY HAVE CEASED. THE LAST KNOWN ARREST OF AN AMERICAN CITIZEN AT THE AIRPORT CHARGED WITH SMUGGLING OF COCAINE OCCURRED ON AUGUST 30, 1974.

3. THIS DECLINE COINCIDES EXACTLY WITH THE WAVE OF PUBLICITY IN THE UNITED STATES CONCERNING ALLEGATIONS OF BRUTALITY, HARSH JAIL CONDITIONS AND SEVERE PENALTIES OF AMERICAN PRISONERS AT THE HANDS OF MEXICAN AUTHORITIES, WHICH SUGGESTS THAT THESE STORIES MAY HAVE DETERRED OTHER WOULD-BE SMUGGLERS.

4. OF COURSE, THE POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT THE MEXICAN AGENTS AT THE AIRPORT HAVE RELAXED THEIR VIGILANCE. HOWEVER, THIS DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE THE CASE ACCORDING TO INFORMATION RECEIVED BY DEA REPRESENTATIVES AT THIS POST.

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